(d) what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken by Government to prevent or curb such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c). Statistics concerning these matters are not maintained by the Government of India.

(d) In addition to the existing law and order enforcing machinery of the States, a centrally sponsored scheme for development of infrastructures for protection of forests is being implemented from 1986-87.

तृतीय तथा चतुर्थ श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों को रात्रि ड्यूटी भत्ता

3102. श्री वीर भद्र प्रताप सिंह : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले कई वर्षों से केन्द्रीय सरकार के चतुर्थ श्रेणी तथा तृतीय श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों के रात्रि ड्यूटी भत्ते की दर में कोई वृद्धि नहीं की गयी है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इन कर्मचारियों के काम के घण्टे उन कर्मचारियों के, जो दिन में काम करते हैं, के काम के घंटों की अपेक्षा अधिक होते हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार रात्रि ड्यूटी भत्ते की दर में वृद्धि करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

कार्मिक लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम) : (क) से (ग) लिपिकों और चपरासियों को उस समय के लिए जब वे सामान्यतः कार्यालय बंद होने के समय से लेकर इसके सामान्यतः फिर से खुलने के समय तक ड्यूटी पर होते हैं, निम्नलिखित दरों पर रात्रि ड्यूटी भत्ता अनुज्ञेय है :—

लिपिक	रु० 8.50 प्रति रात्रि
चपरासी	रु० 4.00 प्रति रात्रि

ये दरें सितम्बर, 1982 से लागू हैं। चतुर्थ वेतन आयोग की सिफारिशों पर, सम्पूर्ण मामले को जांच के लिए एक समिति के पास भेज दिया गया है।

Pension litigations in Supreme Court

3103. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state::

(a) whether Government have taken a decision not to pursue pension cases right upto the Supreme Court on adverse decisions in High Courts;

(b) whether any such policy is already existing; and

(c) if not, what steps Government propose to ensure that litigations are not pursued against pensioners upto the Supreme Court?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Promotions in All India Services

3104. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to news item published in the Times of India dated the 8th November, 1986, titled "Government not to sack staff arbitrarily";

(b) whether Government have considered the fact that officers of All India Services are facing demoralisation due to curtailment of promotions;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to ensure promotions to senior positions based on minimum criteria being fulfiled;

(d) whether it is a fact that in recent reforms promotions are being done on a percentage basis; and

(e) the measures being taken to remove aprehensions in the minds of junior officers of IAS and other central services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) There is no recent change in the policy of promotion. The question of demoralisation of officers of All India Services or of Central Services does not, therefore, follow.

Inclusion of Mira-Bhayandar in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam area

3105. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any request from Telephone Users Association of Mira-Bhyandar to include the area in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam; and

(b) if so, what decision has taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been decided not to include Mira-Bhayandar in the area of operation of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam, Bombay, as the jurisdiction of the Nigam is limited in Bombay to the Municipal Corporation of Bombay, New Bombay and Thane.

Preservation of Sanctuaries

3106. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that bird sanctuaries or parks set up to preserve wild life face threats from people of surrounding areas who convert the greenary of these places for grazing cattle or for cutting fuel wood;

(b) whether Government propose to take any steps to eliminate this threat by developing green pastures and also by providing enough wood for fuel;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what other steps Government propose to take to preserve these sanctuaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Though in the case of some sanctuaries and parks such threats do exist, this is not the case everywhere.

(b) to (d) States and Union Territories have been advised to find alternative fodder and fuel; and financial assistance has been provided under centrally sponsored schemes for the conservation of wildlife.

Making of bombs by India

3107. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the study undertaken by the American Congress some time back that India can make 60 bombs annually by 1990; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to a study to this effect by the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress.

(b) Government policy continues to be to utilise atomic energy for peaceful purposes.